Exercise Synchronization Working Group Summary

Exercise Scheduling Governing Body

JCS J-7
OSD
COCOM J-7s
Services
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DHS
DOS
CIA
FBI
DOE

Basic Outline:

- Bi-annual meetings (WJTSC) …
- Establish exercise structure and execution windows
- Create steering group to set common parameters
- Integrate exercise databases (in work)
- Establish common planning timeline based on complexity

Advantages:

-Exercise planning events focus on content and execution … not coordination/deconfliction
-More effective resource planning (money, lift, etc.)
-Synch senior level participation … more support
-Creates exercise battle rhythm
-Single source for gov't exercise planning framework
-Creates timing windows for all exercise levels
-Enables CJCS exercises to integrate better
-Creates predictable opportunities for all

Disadvantages:

-Labor intensive
-Requires significant coord prep for WJTSC
-Somewhat less flexible
-Staff proposal through COCOMs / Dept / Agencies

Size / Scope	Interagency	Strategic	Operational	Tactical
Level 1 (Dept / Agency)	L1I *18mo	L1S 12mo	L1O 10mo	L1T 6mo
Level 2 (eg MAJCOM)	L2I 12mo	L2S 10mo	L2O 6mo	L2T 6mo
Level 3 (eg unit)	L3I 10mo	L3S 8mo	L3O 6mo	L3T 4mo

NOTE: planning time in months

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	L1S			L1I			L1S			L1I			L1S			L1I			L1S			L1I	